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SUBJECT: PROPOSED STEELMILL AND COPPER REFINERY FOR MAURITANIA

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1. SOCIETE ARABE DE L'INDUSTRIE METALLURGIQUE (SAMIA) WAS ORGANIZED LAST YEAR AS MIXED MAURITANIAN-KUWAIT COMPANY FOR PURPOSE OF LOCATING FINANCING FOR STEELMILL AND COPPER REFINERY TO BE BUILT IN NOUADHIBOU AND NOUAKCHOTT RESPECTIVELY. SAMIA IS FINANCED ATODWPTXILRUON--\$10 MILLION PROVIDED BY MAURITANIA'S GOVERNMENT HOLDING COMPANY SOCIETE NATIONAL INDUSTRIELLE ET MINIERE AND \$10 MILLION PROVIDED BY COMBINATION OF KUWAIT FOREIGN TRADING CONTRACTING AND INVESTMENT COMPEOHSND KUWAIT PIPE INDUSTRIES. SPECIFICATIONS FOR TWO PROJECTS WERE DRAWN UP BY H.K. FERGUSON COMPANY.

2. SENIOR SAMIA EMPLOYEE, TURKISH EXPERT ZEKI ESHREF AKE, RECENTLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT COPPER REFINERY PROJECT HAS PROGRESSED MUCH FURTHER THAN STEELMILL. TWO GERMAN, ONE FRENCH, AND ONE OTHER COMPANY HAVE SUBMITTED BIDS ON COPPER REFINERY, WHICH IS DESIGNED AS TURN-KEY PROJECT. FRENCH COMPANY SUBSEQUENTLY DROPPED OUT OF BIDDING. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT INTEREST IN PROJECT BY AMERICAN COMPANIES, AKE SAID SEVERAL AMERICAN FIRMS WERE INTERESTED IN BEGINNING BUT NONE SUBMITTED BID. AKE ADDED THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHY AMERICANS FAILED TO SUBMIT BID, BUT
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ASSUMED THEY JUST LOST INTEREST.

3. STEELMILL PROJECT, BY CONTRAST, IS MOVING MUCH MORE SLOWLY. AKE SAID EMPHASIS IS NOW BEING PLACED ON LOCATING FINANCING FOR COPPER REFINERY NOT STEELMILL. ON OTHER HAND, HE NOTED THAT ONE AMERICAN COMPANY--ALLIS CHALMERS--HAS SHOWN INTEREST IN PURSUING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF STEELMILL PROJECT.

4. PER REF C, EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON STATUS OF STEELMILL PROJECT.HANDYSIDE

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